## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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This invention relates to an image forming apparatus that has a high degree of flexibility in the display form of the operation panel. An image forming apparatus of this invention includes an operation display section which has a transparent touch panel superposed on the display screen of a display section, can input an operation instruction by pressing a transparent touch panel portion corresponding to an operation instruction item character group displayed on the display screen, and is associated with the main body of apparatus further image forming apparatus. The the includes operation display control section controls the operation display section to display, on the display screen, selection items to decide the display size of the operation instruction item character group or each operation button on the display screen and display the instruction item character operation group operation button in the display size decided by selecting a selection item.